AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A hyperlipemia and/or hyperalbuminemia animal model comprising a transgenic non-human animal into which a regucalcin gene is introduced and which overexpresses regucalcin.

2. (original) The hyperlipemia and/or hyperalbuminemia animal model according to claim 1, which is obtained by raising the transgenic non-human animal to the stage of senility (advanced age) at which it exhibits a symptom of hyperlipemia and/or hyperalbuminemia.

3. (original) The hyperlipemia and/or hyperalbuminemia animal model according to claim 1, which is obtained by raising the transgenic non-human animal (female) until it exhibits a symptom of hyperalbuminemia.

4. (withdrawn) The hyperlipemia and/or hyperalbuminemia animal model according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the non-human animal exhibits a bone disorder at the stage of senility (advanced age).

5. (currently amended) The hyperlipemia and/or hyperalbuminemia animal model according to any one of claims 1 to 3 [[4]], which is a homozygote.

6. (currently amended) The hyperlipemia and/or hyperalbuminemia animal model according to any one of claims 1 to 3 [[5]], wherein the non-human animal is a rat.

7. (original) The hyperlipemia and/or hyperalbuminemia animal model according to claim 6, wherein the stage of senility (advanced age) means 36 to 50 weeks of age.

8. (withdrawn) A method for using a transgenic non-human animal into which a regucalcin gene is introduced and which overexpresses regucalcin as an animal model for hyperlipemia and/or hyperalbuminemia.

9. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 8, wherein the transgenic non-human animal is raised to the stage of senility (advanced age) and used as an animal model for hyperlipemia and/or hyperalbuminemia.

10. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 8, wherein the transgenic non-human animal (female) is raised until it exhibits a symptom of hyperalbuminemia and used as an animal model for hyperlipemia and/or hyperalbuminemia.

11. (withdrawn) The method according to any one of claims 8 to 10, wherein the non-human animal exhibits a bone disorder at the stage of senility (advanced age).

12. (withdrawn) The method according to any one of claims 8 to 11, which is a homozygote.

13. (withdrawn) The method according to any one of claims 8 to 12, wherein the non-human animal is a rat.

14. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 13, wherein the stage of senility (advanced age) means 36 to 50 weeks of age.

15. (withdrawn) A method for screening a therapeutic drug for hyperlipemia and/or hyperalbuminemia comprising the steps of; administering a test substance to the hyperlipemia and/or hyperalbuminemia animal model according to any one of claims 1 to 7, and measuring/evaluating the amount of lipid and/or albumin in blood.

16. (withdrawn) A method for screening a preventive drug for hyperlipemia and/or hyperalbuminemia comprising the steps of; administering a test substance to the hyperlipemia and/or hyperalbuminemia animal model according to any one of claims 1 to 7 before it reaches the stage of senility (advanced age) at which it exhibits a symptom of hyperlipemia and/or hyperalbuminemia, and measuring/evaluating the amount of lipid and/or albumin in blood after it reaches the stage of senility (advanced age).